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- The Institute of Criminal Technology (<u>Kriminaltechnisches Institut KTI</u>), located at <u>Alexanderplatz</u> in East Berlin, is subordinate to Main Department K (Criminal Police) of the Main Administration of the People's Police (<u>HVdVP</u>). Its chief is Inspector Kurt Rothe, about 38 years old, SED member, allegedly trained as a merchant, with the Criminal Police 25X1 since 1945. His deputy is <u>Oberrat</u> Heinz Spindler, 28 to 30 years old, also an SED member, former chemistry student, now studying by correspondence. Spindler also heads Department II of the <u>KTI</u>.
- 2. The KTI has the following three departments:
 - a. Department I: Advisory department for district authorities of the 25X1 People's Police. Its chief is <u>Kriminalrat</u> Heinz Rischlik, about 30 years old, SED member, former career soldier.
 - b. Department II: Operational department, consisting of thirteen specialized sections under Heinz Spindler.
 - c. Department III: Central files on crimes, casualties and missing persons. This department also publishes the Criminal Police information sheet. The chief is <u>Kriminalrat Stuetzke</u> (?).
- 3. Department II has the following thirteen sections:
 - a. Chemistry, under Siegfried Schnorr. The section has six members. Among its duties are investigations of cattle poisonings and occasional manufacture of tear gas bombs and stinkpots for the SSD.
 - b. Biology, under Reinhard Brunk. The section conducts physiological and anatomic research and works closely with the institute for legal medicine at the Humboldt university.
 - c. Spectroanalysis. The only member is Walter Paeckert.
 - d. Fires and Explosions, under <u>Oberkommissar</u> Neumann. The section has close contact with the SSD. One of its duties was the analysis of the explosive charges in the Western leaflet balloons, and the establish-

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ment of data for the construction of similar balloons in the East. As far as source knows, however, no such balloons have yet been used by East Germany.

- Metallography. The section has only one member. It mainly deals with such matters as the analysis of traces of dirt or metal on clothing.
- Tracing, under Hans Leuschner, with one additional member.
- Ballistics, under Bruno Ott.
- Graphic Research, under Oberrat Mueller.
- Forgeries, under Horst Salomon.
- Photography, under Franz Hohlfeld.
- Material Procurement and Supply, under Gerhard Hagen.
- Fingerprinting, under Karl Brendel. The section has a collection of fingerprints from persons who have been in conflict with East German legal authorities, as well as a part of the pre-1945 collection of the former Berlin police headquarters.
- m. Machinery, under Engineer Kuplich. This section is still in the development stage. It deals with cases where sabotage of industrial machines is suspected.
- While the $\underline{\mathtt{KTI}}$ does work for all departments of the civil police, it has practically no contact with the KVP.

| 5. | None | of | the | KTI | personnel | have | been | experts | in | their | fields | prior | to | 1945. |
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